

Labor to Stand Firm Against No-Strike Law

Affiliated Trades Expected to Back Decision of Machinists to Quit Work if Inhibition Is Passed

Wilson Attitude Puzzles

Congress Unlikely to Pass Drastic Legislation if His Veto Is Threatened

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The attitude of organized railway employees toward the anti-strike provision of the Cummins railroad bill will be formally stated in a declaration of principles to be drafted by the heads of all the brotherhoods at a conference here Monday with President Gompers and the American Federation of Labor.

Labor leaders declared to-day that "nothing drastic was to be expected," but the general view among organized workers was that the affiliated trades would stand by the Railway Machinists' Union, which voted to quit work if Congress enacted the anti-strike provision. Senators and representatives now in Washington expressed the opinion, however, that the House never would accept the bill as it came from the Senate, and that even if it should pass President Wilson would veto it.

The possibility of a Presidential veto has been given serious consideration by members of Congress, who realize the necessity of enacting proper legislation before the roads are handed back to their owners on March 1. Labor leaders, in discussing this eventuality, also called attention to-day to this statement by the President in his message to Congress four weeks ago:

"The right of individuals to strike is inviolate and ought not to be interfered with by any process of government, but there is a predominant right of the government to protect all of its people and to assert its power and majesty against the challenge of any class."

Interpretations Vary
This one sentence was variously interpreted—by brotherhood officers as a virtual announcement by the President that he would not sign a bill denying the right to strike—and by Senator Cummins and others as advice by the President that even if the right to strike was inviolate the rights of the public stood over that of the strikers.

Regardless of the action might be taken by the brotherhoods the belief prevailed in Congressional circles that when Senate and House conferees get through with the Cummins and Esch bills, no vestige of the anti-strike section would remain. The conferees will begin work next week after Senator Cummins and Senator Kellogg, Republican, of Minnesota, return from North Carolina.

All of the Senate conferees voted for the labor clause and are expected to make a hard fight in conference for its retention. On the straight Senate test an amendment to eliminate the section was defeated, 39 to 24. Some idea of the attitude of the House, however, was given to-day by members who said that the anti-strike clause could not command fifty votes in that body.

Shipment to See Hines
The heads of the four big brotherhoods and the ten affiliated trades will be here Monday for the conference with President Gompers, which was called for the specific purpose of considering pending railroad legislation. Committees representing the six ship trades have an appointment that day with Director General Hines for discussion of wage demands, but it was said this might be deferred until Tuesday.

It was emphasized at Federation headquarters that the two conferences had nothing in common, although it was admitted that the situation respecting wage demands was somewhat changed in view of President Wilson's definite decision to turn back the roads in two months. In view of the short period of government control there was a feeling in some quarters that the director general might refuse to saddle a wage increase on the roads on the eve of their return to private operation. Most of the leaders insisted, however, that the demands would not be rejected, since President Wilson had promised to use his influence to get more wages for railway men if the government failed to reduce the cost of living.

Although every effort will be made to expedite railroad legislation, some doubt was expressed to-day whether the Esch and Cummins bills could be cut to pieces and put together again by the time set for the end of Federal control of the roads. Meanwhile great pressure is being brought to bear on members of the Senate and House to speed up work, but there is little hope of getting the bill out of conference before the end of January.

Ex-Service Men to Take Census

More than 500 former service men will be engaged in the taking of the census for 1920, beginning in Virginia. They were recruited by the Knights of Columbus and will work in Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx. Only one veteran failed to pass the examination by Federal officers, according to James E. Drum, who recruited the men for the supervisor of census in this district.

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Influenza Is Checked Among Soldiers Abroad

Troops on Rhine Suffer Mild Epidemic of Measles and Diphtheria

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Epidemics of influenza in the American forces in Germany and the Siberian expedition are under control, according to health reports received by the War Department to-day.

Mild epidemics of diphtheria and measles prevail with the forces on the Rhine, and a number of influenza cases have developed into pneumonia. Two deaths from these diseases resulted during the last week. Among new cases which have developed were eleven cases of diphtheria, eleven of measles, twelve of influenza and four of pneumonia during the week ended December 19.

The influenza epidemic with the American troops in Siberia began during the week of November 14, when 117 cases were admitted to hospitals. During the succeeding weeks a reduced number of cases was reported, due to the preventive measures taken by the medical department. The largest death rate was for the week ended December 5, when twenty-three of the forty soldiers who were stricken with pneumonia during that week died.

Japan Builds U. S. Two Ships

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Japanese yards are building two ships for the Shipping Board, to be launched in March, according to the monthly construction report published to-day. A 10,500 deadweight ton freighter is being built by the Harima Company and a 5,000-ton carrier by the Osaka Company.

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